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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A signal discriminator which is formed of a soft magnetic material to form a closed magnetic path, is attached on a cable such that the cable passes through the closed magnetic path, and which passes an electric signal flowing through the cable and blocks a noise signal flowing through the cable,  
characterized in that the soft magnetic material has its complex relative permittivity varying with frequency, and a real part of the complex relative permittivity is large in a frequency domain lower than a frequency of the electric signal flowing through the cable and small in a frequency domain higher than the frequency of the electric signal.
2. (Original) A signal discriminator according to Claim 1, wherein the real part of the complex relative permittivity of the soft magnetic material ranges from 1,000 up to 20,000 at 1 kHz, and from 50 downward at 1 MHz.
3. (Currently Amended) A signal discriminator according to ~~Claim 1 or 2~~, Claim 1, wherein the soft magnetic material is Mn-Zn ferrite having a basic component composition comprising 44.0 to 50.0 (50.0 excluded) mol % Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 4.0 to 26.5 mol % ZnO, 0.1 to 8.0 mol % at least one of TiO<sub>2</sub> and SnO<sub>2</sub>, and the rest consisting of MnO.
4. (Currently Amended) A signal discriminator according to ~~Claim 1 or 2~~, Claim 1, wherein the soft magnetic material is Mn-Zn ferrite having a basic component composition

comprising 44.0 to 50.0 (50.0 excluded) mol %  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , 4.0 to 26.5 mol %  $\text{ZnO}$ , 0.1 to 8.0 mol % at least one of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{SnO}_2$ , 0.1 to 16.0 mol %  $\text{CuO}$ , and the rest consisting of  $\text{MnO}$ .

5. (Currently Amended) A signal discriminator according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~, Claim 1, wherein the soft magnetic material has a resistivity of 150  $\Omega\text{m}$  or higher.

6. (New) A signal discriminator according to Claim 2, wherein the soft magnetic material is Mn-Zn ferrite having a basic component composition comprising 44.0 to 50.0 (50.0 excluded) mol %  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , 4.0 to 26.5 mol %  $\text{ZnO}$ , 0.1 to 8.0 mol % at least one of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{SnO}_2$ , and the rest consisting of  $\text{MnO}$ .

7. (New) A signal discriminator according to Claim 2, wherein the soft magnetic material is Mn-Zn ferrite having a basic component composition comprising 44.0 to 50.0 (50.0 excluded) mol %  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , 4.0 to 26.5 mol %  $\text{ZnO}$ , 0.1 to 8.0 mol % at least one of  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{SnO}_2$ , 0.1 to 16.0 mol %  $\text{CuO}$ , and the rest consisting of  $\text{MnO}$ .

8. (New) A signal discriminator according to Claim 2, wherein the soft magnetic material has a resistivity of 150  $\Omega\text{m}$  or higher.

9. (New) A signal discriminator according to Claim 3, wherein the soft magnetic material has a resistivity of 150  $\Omega\text{m}$  or higher.

10. (New) A signal discriminator according to Claim 4, wherein the soft magnetic material has a resistivity of 150  $\Omega\text{m}$  or higher.